

Answer to Mrs. Adam's 1st. Question.

QUESTIONS NO. 1.

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Brother Garrett—Please explain this scripture, Luke chapter 3 verse 16. "John answered saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose, he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

Please tell me how and when will we be baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire?

Martha Adams,

Here is a very important question or at least it should be to the christian man or woman.

For there is so many different opinions on this point—And all of those who differ from each other—Each of them claim that they are right and try to prove it by the Word of God And we shall say that among the hundreds that differ, at the most, there could only two be right.

For God said thru Ezekiel:—"Son of man appoint thee two ways." For this reason we said that not more than two could be right. But now, to the point of the Word on this question. Our Text was spoken by Luke to Theopolis. A man who at his time had taken the place of Paul. Paul was now dead, and Luke had spent many days and weeks with Paul in his mission work, as an Apostle to the Gentiles.

Therefore Luke knew the gospel that Paul preached to them.

And as Luke remained here, after Paul was gone, it became necessary for him to instruct Theopolis in Paul's gospel and in his Acts while here on earth; and part of the Acts of the other Twelve Apostles in connection with Paul.

Luke said that John answered and said to all, "I indeed baptize you with water." Leaving out the words "unto repentance" which Matthew used, And the reason for the difference is this—Matthew was talking to the Israelites, and they had something to repent for. And Luke was talking to Theopolis for the Gentiles, who had been brought to the place of repentance in Christ's time. And it was for this reason that Matthew used the word "YOU," and Luke said "ALL."

We have used this explanation in order to let Sister Adams and the Readers of the CRESSET know the truth of the gospels on this question. And the reason for us speaking in the plural No. of gospels is because there is two spoken of in this language: "But contrariwise when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter:

(For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles.

And when James, Cephas and John who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision." (Gal. 2—7—9)

Here is the two gospels spoken of, by Paul. And in answering the question on the Reception of the Holy Ghost Baptism we shall hold up to the Readers view, those two gospels and the two Ways, all thru our answer; so that we may know when we are or shall be baptized with the "Holy Ghost." Luke in giving his gospel said, "All" must be baptized with the "Holy Ghost, and fire." But as we said above Matthew did not say "all:" But he said "you," And now in leading on after the walk of the 12 Apostles, we come up to where they were all assembled with one accord in an upper room on the day of Pentecost. And it

came as a rushing mighty wind and it sat upon them as cloven tongues as of fire, and it filled the whole house. And on this day, they, the Apostles were baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Then Peter began to preach to the Israelites, the gospel of circumcision and said unto them.

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2—38)

You will see here just how those Israelites would and should receive the baptism of the "Holy Ghost," by what Peter said to them. And here is where we learn where Peter used one of the keys that Christ gave to him, in order that he might open the door of Faith unto the Israelites.

But after Peter had opened the door of faith to the Israelites and presented them with the gospel of circumcision, so that they could receive the baptism of the "Holy Ghost", that is, after they had, by obedience, received the baptism of water for the remission of their sins.

From these plain facts, it can be seen plainly when and how the Israelites receives the baptism of the "Holy Ghost"

The next thing to learn, will be, How and when the Gentiles receives the Baptism held in question? And in order to find this out we must follow Peter up to the house of Cornelious; and see what happened there.

After Peter had gotten there and had come in to the house and began to preach to them, the "Holy Ghost" fell on them, as you can read.

"And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto

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